

A GALLANT KENTUCKIAN.

John Crittenden Watson Will Shortly Command a Fleet.

Admiral Sampson's fleet will be sub-divided, as reported from Washington, into two divisions this week. The New York, the three double-turreted seagoing monitors Puritan, Amphitrite and Terror, with the Iowa and Indiana, will form the heavy armor-clad division to be massed at some central point. This command will remain directly under the command of Admiral Sampson.

The Cincinnati, Detroit, Montgomery, Marblehead, all of the same class, 2,000 tons each, with nine 5-inch rapid-fire guns; the Helena, Nashville, Castine, Machias, Vicksburg, Annapolis and Newport, all steel light-draught gunboats, each 1,200 tons, carrying eight 4-inch rifles; the Mayflower, the finest torpedo gunboat or destroyer in our Navy; Vesuvius, four 500-pound dynamite guns; Bancroft, 890 tons, four 4-inch 33-pounder rifles, one 6-inch; Fern, same class, and a fleet of thirty torpedo boat destroyers and torpedo boats, will be under the command of Commodore John Crittenden Watson, who will, with the fleet mentioned, continue the blockade of Cuban ports and conduct operations against Cuba.

There is no more dashing officer in the service than Commodore Watson. He is a Kentuckian, from Frankfort, and is a grandson of ex-Senator John J. Crittenden. Commodore Watson is much the youngest officer of his rank in the service. He graduated in that lucky class of youngsters that left the academy at Annapolis in 1861, just before it was removed to Newport, R. I., where it was during the war. As a midshipman, not quite 17, he attracted the attention of Admiral Farragut during the passage below New Orleans, in April, 1862. The ropes that were controlling the main sheet of the Hartford were cut by the hail of grape from the 9-inch guns of Fort St. Phillip just as the flagship was directly abeam or right opposite the battery. The order was given to go aloft and clear them, but with the iron hail rattling through the Hartford's rigging it seemed certain death. The old jacksies paused, as well they might, seeing the yards cut into splinters at every round. Meantime the Hartford was swinging round, bow toward the fort, lacking the brace of her main sheet.

"Come on, men," said a young midshipman, throwing off his cap and going up the ratlines like a cat. Men followed, but the boy ran out to the end of a yardarm sixty feet from the water and steadying himself by a rope coolly stood erect till the mischief was repaired. One-third of the men were killed or wounded in the work. Then the lad went below, and, touching his cap, said to the Admiral, "All clear, sir." From that hour John Crittenden Watson has been the favorite of fortune. Within the month he was ensign, and advanced thirty numbers for "distinguished gallantry in action."

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N. B.—The News is not a "subsidized organ" nor a "muzzled press" which can be proven by a few old warts and soreheads who have leaned up against its emory-wheel while in motion.

Admiral Sampson has reported the harbor master of Matanzas.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Eckles are on a visit to friends in Clarksville.

CAPT. CALLIE FRENCH.

She Commands a River Steamboat and Successfully Manages a Theatrical Company.

A steamboat captain in skirts is Mrs. Callie French, of Cincinnati. Capt. French is the only woman who holds both master's and pilot's licenses, and she commands a steamer towing a large floating theater. She is also manager of the latter. A few years back the whole river fraternity would have thrown up their hands in horror had it been suggested to them that a woman could and would fill the office of both pilot and commander.

Capt. Callie French was born in Jackson county, O., in 1861, her maiden name being Callie Leach. She was married to A. B. French in June, 1878, in Washington courthouse, and up to that time had never seen a river, much less been on one, but she accompanied her husband, who was owner and commander of the steamer C. O., on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers and their tributaries to tow a small boat used as a theater.

She spent the greater part of her time in the pilot-house with her husband, learning to handle the wheel, and proved herself such an apt scholar that in a short time her husband suggested that she apply for a pilot's license. This she did, and stood the examination so well that in 1888 the inspectors at New Orleans granted her a first-class license. Her jurisdiction reaches from Cincinnati to New Orleans. Not being content with the laurels, she concluded to apply for a master's license, which was granted her in 1892.

Capt. French speaks several languages, is pretty, graceful and womanly, of a decided character and a thorough business woman.

Young ladies who don't ride their bicycles on rainy days will read with wonder of Mr. Robert Powell, of Covington, Ky. He rides his wheel across rivers.

Of course Mr. Powell's machine is not exactly the same make as that of the water-dreading bicyclists. He calls it a hydro-cycle and has spent a good deal of time in perfecting it. It consists of two cigar-shaped cylinders made of galvanized iron with copper tips. They are air-tight. They are two feet apart and joined at the center by a light wooden platform. On this is rigged up a chain-

less bicycle frame which operates a small propeller under the water.

Mr. Powell has gone bicycle riding in the Ohio river on his new wheel. It is not very well adapted to water with currents, but is said to serve admirably in still water.

Just how popular the hydro-cycle will become is a matter of speculation, but the fun of riding a water wheel on a hot day clad only in a bathing suit is not a pastime at which unathletic folk can honestly sneer.

When the Brain Grows. A prominent educator, talking to mothers, says that with all children there are nascent periods—that is, there are certain times when a child can learn easier and better than others. The growth of brains is not generally understood. There is, however, an ebb and flow of interest. The children apply themselves assiduously for a time; then comes arrest, and educators are now disputing whether to urge the child along after the ebb, or wait for the certain return of interest in their work.

Willing to Become a Slave. A Danville (Ky.) woman has advertised her desire to sell herself into slavery for life for money enough to purchase a comfortable home for her children, adding: "Will serve faithfully, and endeavor to make myself invaluable, always striving to please."



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Low Rates to Norfolk.

On account of the Southern Baptist Convention, which meets in Norfolk, Va., the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad will run a special train, leaving Louisville Tuesday, May 3, at 1:30 p. m., reaching Norfolk at 2:30 p. m. next day. Round trip from Louisville to Norfolk and return via Washington \$17. In addition to the Baptist special, tickets may be purchased on regular trains of May 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, good returning within 15 days, with additional extension of 15 days by depositing tickets with C. & O. agent in Norfolk. The Chesapeake & Ohio railway is the only direct line to Norfolk and is the only line which can offer a direct reversible route which will include both Norfolk and Washington. The rate for the round trip to Norfolk and return by the direct route is lower than any other route can offer, and delegates may rest assured of the fact that should any rate by any line via Washington be subsequently named lower than the rate herein quoted, they will have the benefit of such rate over the picturesque and historic Chesapeake & Ohio railway.

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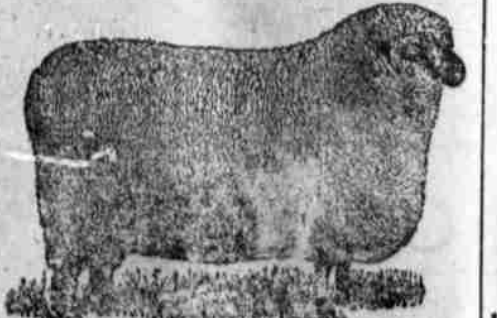
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